

# 2018 A Plan of Action: Bioterrorism Preparedness for Clinical Labs Workshop

## **FREE ALL-DAY, HANDS-ON WORKSHOP\***

- Lunch provided
- 6.5 CE Contact Hours for TN Lab Licensure Requirements

*\*Travel expenses not covered*



## **2018 WORKSHOPS**

Thursday  
March 22

Friday  
March 23

Thursday  
May 17

Friday  
May 18

Thursday  
September 13

Friday  
September 14

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Program focuses on practical methods that clinical laboratories can use to remain alert for the agents of bioterrorism. Participants will learn about surveillance and evaluation procedures that can be integrated into the routine work of the microbiology lab. Procedures for the referral of suspect cases will also be discussed. In this hands-on course, following appropriate safety precautions, participants will examine actual cultures and organisms in a laboratory setting.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

By the end of the program, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the role of the clinical lab in discovering organisms targeted for use in acts of bioterrorism.
- Explain the safety implications of handling suspected organisms in clinical specimens and isolates.
- Describe the clinical and laboratory features of the primary agents likely to be involved in a bioterrorist event, including anthrax, plague, botulism, tularemia, brucellosis, melioidosis and glanders.
- Recognize culture, staining and biochemical characteristics of bioterrorist organisms.
- Apply information presented in clinical scenarios in order to avoid identification pitfalls.
- Introduction to select agent regulations and their impact on clinical laboratories.

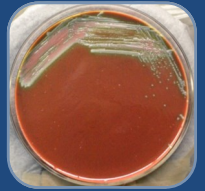
## **REGISTRATION**

Limited seats available for each date.

- Application does not guarantee acceptance.
- Acceptance will be limited to maximum of 1 - 2 persons per facility, per workshop date.
- Preference will be given to MLS(MT)s or MLTs currently working in a microbiology laboratory in Tennessee.
- Participants will be selected according to the applicants' job description, experience and responsibilities.
- Invitations to attend will be sent to chosen applicants no later than 3 weeks prior to the workshop.

**TO APPLY:  
CLICK ON THE WORKSHOP DATE TO  
COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION**

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